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DATE:

April 14, 2009

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Mrs. Grissom's Salads - Recall Due To Undeclared Anchovies

Suggested Action: CLASS Unidentified; Recall Due To Undeclared Anchovies; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. These products were distributed through retail grocery and dollar stores in Kentucky, Indiana. Detail information is not available at this time. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

## Mrs. Grissom's Salads Announces Voluntary Product Recall Due To Undeclared Anchovies

## Contact:

Kenneth Funger 1-800-255-0517

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- April 9, 2009 -- Nashville, TN -- Mrs. Grissom's Salads is recalling ALL LOTS of the following cheese products due to undeclared anchovies:

Cheese products packaged under the Mrs. Grissom's brand:

- Premium Cheese Spread, packaged in 11 oz, 24 oz, 48 oz and 5 lb plastic tubs
- Hot Jalapeno Cheese Spread or Dip, packaged in 11 oz plastic tubs
- Original Recipe Pimento Cheese Salad, packaged in 11 oz and 5 lb plastic tubs
- Jalapeno, Hot Cheese Dip, packaged in 8 oz plastic containers
- Gar-licious, Garlic & Onion Flavor Cheese Dip, packaged in 8 oz plastic containers
- Cheese n'Cheese, Double Cheese Dip, packaged in 8 oz plastic containers
- Bac'n Cheese, Bacon Flavor Cheese Dip, packaged in 8 oz plastic containers
- Ragin' Cajun, Spicy Cheese Dip, packaged in 8 oz plastic containers

Cheese products packaged under the Grace's HomeStyle Brand:

Pimento Sandwich Spread, packaged in 11 oz and 24 oz plastic tubs



Hot Jalapeno Pimento Spread or Dip, packaged in 11 oz plastic tubs

These products were distributed through retail grocery and dollar stores in Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and West Virginia.

Mrs. Grissom's Salads CEO Kenneth Funger said the omission was discovered April 8, 2009 during a routine inspection at the company's processing and packaging plant in Nashville, Tennessee. The Worcestershire sauce used in these products contains anchovies, and people who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to fish run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. We are recalling the products and revising the labeling to ensure persons with fish allergies are aware of its presence.

Funger said that the company has received no complaints or reports of an allergic reaction to the products.

Consumers who have purchased the products are urged to return it to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions regarding this recall may call the company at 1-800-255-0517.

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